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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Office Action dated April 27, 2006, of the Examiner finally rejecting claims 1 through 18.

The items checked below are appropriate:

- 1. [X] A Petition for Extension of Time of two (2) months to respond to the final rejection is being mailed concurrently herewith. Charge the fee therefor in the amount of \$450.00 to Deposit Account No. 07-1725.
- 2. [X] The claims in the above-identified patent application are under a final rejection and this Notice of Appeal is being filed in accordance with 37 CFR Section 1.191 (a).
 - 3. Fee \$500.00

Applicant: Rene Jean Zimmer et al.

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For: PATTERN FOR A TIRE SURFACE

[] Enclosed.

[] Not required (fee paid in prior appeal).

[X] Charge to Deposit Account No. 07-1725.

4. [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to account No. 07-1725.

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Respectfully submitted,

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